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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

- 13. (Currently amended) A greenhouse, comprising:
  - a plurality of frame elements forming a frame of the greenhouse,
  - a plurality of pillows having at least one upper translucent surface facing a radiation source, each pillow supported in a respective frame element.
  - a fluid element having a fluid circulating therethrough and a lens system arranged inside each pillow and formed so as to direct and concentrate only a portion of the direct incident radiation that strikes the upper translucent surface in a direction perpendicular to the upper translucent surface onto the fluid element, and
  - a thermodynamic machine extracting thermal energy from the fluid for producing at least electrical power.
- 14. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 13, and further comprising a heat reservoir for storing a portion of the thermal energy that is not extracted by the thermodynamic machine.

Claims 15-21 (Cancelled)

- 22. (Currently amended) A modular greenhouse comprising:
  - a plurality of modular optical elements, each optical element including first and second highly transparent cover sheets supported by a mechanically stable frame thereby forming a pillow, with a plurality of pillows forming an envelope for the greenhouse,
  - an optical lens system <u>arranged inside each pillow which directs</u>
    and concentrates direct incident radiation that strikes the translucent

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cover sheets of each pillow, and

- an <u>a light</u> onergy collection and converting system arranged <u>integrated</u> in each said modular optical element for collecting light and

converting light into energy.

23. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 22, wherein the pillows

are inflated.

24. (Currently amended) The greenhouse of claim 23, wherein the optical

lens system inside each pillow, or the pillow itself is adapted for tracking a

movement of the sun so that direct incident radiation from the sun can

strike a surface of an upper pillow cover sheet substantially normal to the

surface, and wherein the lens system in each of the pillows is oriented in

such a way as to realize a concentration of direct incident radiation into a

focal area of the light collection and converting system.

25. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 24, wherein hot fluid is

produced through solar radiation by the lens system and supplied to a

thermodynamic machine, via a first line while cooled fluid is returned to the

lens system via a second line.

26. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 25, wherein a heat

reservoir is connected between the lens system and the

thermodynamic machine for providing around the clock power.

27. (Previously presented) A modular optical element comprising: two highly

transparent sheets supported along their circumference by a mechanically

stable frame and forming a pillow, the said pillow including an optical lens

system and light collection and conversion system arranged within the

pillow, and wherein the pillow is inflatable with compressed air.

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28. (Previously presented) The optical element of claim 27, wherein pluralities of the said optical elements are assembled to form an enveloping structure of a greenhouse.

- 29. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 13, wherein the light collection and conversion system includes a solar cell or a photovoltaic collector; and wherein the translucent surfaces are each an element selected from the group consisting of a Fresnel lens, a holographic lens and a refractive optical element.
- (Currently amended) The greenhouse of claim 28 22, wherein the light collection and conversion system includes a solar cell or a photovoltaic collector.
- 31. (Currently amended) The greenhouse of claim 24, wherein the <u>a</u> solar cell is located in the focal area of the light collection and converting system.
- 32. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 27, wherein the pillow is made from environmentally stable fluoropolymer sheets.
- 33. (New) The greenhouse of claim 13, wherein the lens system is a suntracking lens system.
- 34. (New) The greenhouse of claim 22, further comprising that diffuse radiation is transmitted through the optical lens system creating a glare free illumination for plant growing or illumination of rooms.